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SUBJECT: BOURGUIBA OFFICIAL VISIT TO MAURITANIA

SUMMARY: BOURGIBA'S TWO-DAY VISIT TO NOUAKCHOTT, FIRST STOP ON HIS AFRICAN TOUR, WAS PLAYED IN UNUSUALLY LOW-KEY. TUNISIAN PRESIDENT MADE NO PUBLIC APPEARANCES APART FROM ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE MOTORCADES. PUBLISHED TEXTS OF TOASTS EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS AND THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE CONTAIN NOTHING NEW, ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATING THAT ARAB LEADERS WHO LIKE EACHOTHER QUICKLY RUN OUT OF THINGS TO SAY. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING DEC 19-21 VISIT, BOURGUIBA AND HIS SIXTY-MAN PLUS DELEGATION (WHICH CONTRARY TO PUBLISHED REPORTS DID NOT INCLUDE FOREIGN MINISTER MASMOUDI) SPENT MOST OF THEIR TIME IN PRIVATE TALKS WITH MAURITANIAN COUNTERPARTS. APART FROM TOASTS AT THE TRADITIONAL MECHOU, ATTENDED BY RANKING GIRM OFFICIALS AND THE DIP CORPS, BOURGUIBA MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

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HE CANCELLED A SCHEDULED SPEECH TO MAURITANIAN PEOPLES'

PARTY LEADERS AND AN EVE-OF-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. IN TERMS OF SUBSTANCE, THE BRIEF JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED NO SURPRISES. TOP BILLING WAS GIVEN TO IMMEDIATE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND REESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY, LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN AND PORTUGUESE AFRICA, AND A POLITELY FORMULATED CALL FOR "LIBERATION OF SPANISH SAHARA BY MEANS OF A UN-SPONSORED REFERENDUM." IN BILATERAL RELATIONS, THE TWO LEADERS PLEDGED INCREASED COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF COMMERCE AND TECHNICAL TRAINING, BUT NO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS WERE MENTIONED.

3. COMMENT: MAURITANIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH TUNISIA, ITS OLDEST ARAB FRIEND, HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CORDIAL. APART FROM TUNISIAN INVESTMENT IN THIS COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT BANK, HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE EFFORT TO TRANSLATE THIS CORDIALITY INTO PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS. ABOVE CALL FOR STRENGTHENING BILATERAL TIES HAS RITUAL AND ABSENT MINDED QUALITY.

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